

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 14, 2016

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in the H.M. Stewart Center for Continuing Education of the University of North Georgia on June 14, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair; Kim Bragg; Dr. Brian Forschler; and Greg Holley.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Ms. Deborah Adams, the director of continuing education at the University of North Georgia, welcomed the Commission to the University and Dahlonega. She also provided some interesting history and facts about Dahlonega and the University of North Georgia.
- F. Mr. Lastinger discussed the changes with daily allowance reimbursements for Commission members.
- G. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He stated that Dr. Braman has started with the Entomology Department and he hopes to have her attend a commission meeting in the future.
- H. Mr. Allen Beiriger with Active Pest Control met with the Commission regarding a letter that he had submitted regarding some concerns with the marketing and advertising by Aptive Environmental. He specifically expressed concerns with their forceful marketing efforts and advertising materials only using the name "Aptive" and sometimes "Aptive Pest Control" and not the licensed name. He further stated that Active Pest Control customers are confused as the name is similar when approached by Aptive representatives. Mr. Gorecki suggested that a letter be sent to Aptive addressing the issue. Mr. Lastinger offered for GDA to do a review of the sales and marketing efforts including the information received from Active Pest Control for compliance and respond according to enforcement response policy.
- I. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He mentioned an article in the April issue of the Market Bulletin that discussed the Zika virus and the Department of Public Health's "Tip 'n Toss" campaign. A Georgia Clean Day is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> at Southern Pines Ag Expo in Dublin, Georgia. Registration is required to participate. He announced the Southern meeting of the Association of America Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) is being held in Savannah, Georgia this week. An intern for the Plant Industry Division, Rachel Welch, has been assisting with current research on rule changes for several non-structural pesticide regulations.

- J. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. Mr. Lastinger noted that when the Department issues WDO corrective action reports to companies, a change has been recently made to issue warning letters in addition to the WDO corrective action reports if other violations are discovered that don't require a corrective action such as a record keeping violation. The warning letters are issued to notify the company about non-compliance. He also mentioned that the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) published new guidelines and helpful tips for cleaning up pesticides misapplied indoors. Travis Whitley of the field inspection staff has now taken on the role of field supervisor. A compliance specialist has been hired and will start on July 1<sup>st</sup>. July 15<sup>th</sup> has been selected as the date for the next Commission meeting. A public notice will be posted with the new meeting date. Lastly, Jenny Wren will provide a compliance summary of violations at the next meeting in July.
- K. Dr. Forschler requested that the Commission work with the GDA to do some outreach to Georgia Consumers regarding Mosquito Control Operators and urging consumers to verify that their contractor is licensed to do mosquito control by GDA. Mr. Lastinger will work on coordinating an effort at GDA with the Communications Office.
- L. Mr. Gorecki discussed the rulemaking document. The Commission discussed 10 housekeeping related proposed rule changes. Most of these changes were to correct errors or add clarification to a current rule. Four additional issues were briefly mentioned and will be discussed at the August meeting. Dr. Forschler requested that the first ten draft rules be accepted as currently written in the current rulemaking document. All membered agreed to the request.
- M. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA report. There has been an outreach effort by NPMA to the CDC regarding mosquito control needs and how the pest control industry can assist with mosquito management needs. Arnold Layne has been named the new Deputy Director of the US EPA Pesticide Division and is expected to be a great resource in bridging the gap between the industry and EPA.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## **Attachment 1:**

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### **Agenda**

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**Open** –Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
- d. Rulemaking
- e. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- f. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

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**Attachment 2**

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**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- Singley Exterminating Company LLC-Americus
- Whitaker Pest Solutions-North Augusta, SC
- Napalm Pest Control-Doerun
- MyBugman Pest Solutions-Marietta

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- X-Pire Pest Control-DeKalb County (Insurance Verification)
- Parker Pest Control-Glynn County (Insurance Verification)